LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: August 10, 2004 AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT: X REGULAR: CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: X INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Library of Virginia Staying Connected Hardware Grant

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Amend the FY 2005 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund and appropriate \$5,540, fully reimbursable, for the Library of Virginia Staying Connected Hardware Grant.

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The Library of Virginia is coordinating distribution of funds for the purchase of computer hardware by public libraries. Funding is provided through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Staying Connected Grant, with matching funds from the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Title II program.

In FY 2001, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation provided funding for the purchase of personal computers (PCs) for public Internet access in all public libraries in Virginia; the Lynchburg Public Library received eight (8) PCs. In 2004, the Gates Foundation's Staying Connected Grant program is providing funds for additional PCs. The Lynchburg Public Library Main and Branch locations have each been allocated \$2,770 to purchase four (PCs).

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: 100% reimbursable from the Library of Virginia

CONTACT(S):

Diana C. Trent 455-5787 Director of Human Services

Lynn L. Dodge 455-6301 Director Lynchburg Public Library

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: Ikp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the FY 2005 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund is amended and \$5,540 is appropriated, with full reimbursement from the Library of Virginia Staying Connected Hardware Grant, to purchase four personal computers for the Lynchburg Public Libraries.

Introduced:		Adopte
Certified:	Clerk of Council	

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Staying Connected Hardware Grant Application

July 12, 2004

Lynchburg Public Library Lynchburg Public Library

Using funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Staying Connected Grant and the Library Service and Technology Act (LSCA) Title II funds, the Library of Virginia is pleased to offer hardware grants to Virginia public libraries that were fully eligible and chose to participate during the first round of grants from the Foundation in 2001.

Under the formula established by the Library of Virginia, the Lynchburg Public Library is eligible to receive grant funding in the amount of \$2,770 for the purchase of two (2), new public access computer(s).

The following terms and conditions must be met:

- 1) The total grant amount is \$2,770
- 2) All grant funds are to be used for, and only for, the purpose of purchasing public access computers and supporting public access computing.
- 3) Any funds remaining after purchase of the computers may be reallocated to purchase materials to support public access computing. Items may include additional computers, accessories, supplies, software, and books or training materials.
- 4) The grantee may choose to order a preconfigured computer package that is designed by the Library of Virginia or it may purchase computers that more effectively fit their system requirements.
- 5) The grantee agrees that the equipment purchased with grant funds are to be used in the identified building and will not be moved to another facility.
- 6) The grantee agrees to keep financial and other records that adequately show that the use of the grant funds were exclusively for the grant's purpose.
- The grantee will submit a summary budget report to the Library of Virginia detailing how funds were expended.
- 8) During the course of the next two years, the Library of Virginia will be conducting and facilitating regional discussion groups on technology and technology planning. The grantee will designate a staff member to attend these training sessions.

Staying Connected Hardware Grants Application:

The Lynchburg Public Library would like to participate in the Staying Connected Grant Program and will accept the grant funds in the amount of \$2,770. The library agrees to follow the rules and spirit of the Staying Connected Grant.
☐ We plan to order machines configured by the Library of Virginia.
☐ We plan to customize and order our own machines.
□ Undecided.
☐ The Lynchburg Public Library will not participate in the Staying Connected Grant Program.
Signature
Print Name
Title
Dated

Please return the signed original by July 30, 2004 to: Kendra Morgan LDND The Library of Virginia 800 E. Broad St Richmond, VA 23219